

Core 40 ECA Information for Alternative Education Programs

The test windows for Core 40 End of Course Assessments for SY 2007-08 are:

December 10 – January 11 (shutdown 12/24-1/1)

February 4 - 29

April 28 – May 30

You are strongly encouraged to have students take the Core 40 End of Course Assessment if the course ends during any of these test windows. However, in many alternative education programs, students may finish courses at times outside the testing windows. If the student finishes a course at a time when the test window is closed, you can still award the credit for the course. There are no consequences for students who do not take these assessments and the consequences for schools are still being clarified. However, it's important to note that ECAs are part of Indiana's school accountability system under Public Law 221, Core 40 ECAs - they are designed to ensure the quality, consistency, and rigor of Core 40 courses across the state. Aligned with Indiana's Academic Standards, ECAs are final exams measuring what students know and are able to do upon completion of these targeted Core 40 courses. In addition, the ECAs are an integral component of [Indiana's P-16 Plan for Improving Student Achievement](#). For Alternative Education Programs that function as a program of a traditional school (ie. do not have a separate school number), the results of the Core 40 End of Course Assessments are reported with the traditional school.

Information about Core 40 End of Course Assessments is online at

<http://www.doe.state.in.us/core40eca/welcome.html>.

This link is also on the alternative education page at

<http://www.doe.state.in.us/alted/altedlinkpg.html> under 'Resources'.

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